



## **West Basin Water Association**

**Membership Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 1, 2022**  
**11:30 AM**

**Via Zoom:**

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### **AGENDA**

- Call to Order
- Quorum
- Self-Introductions
- Approval of February 2022 Minutes
- West Basin Watermaster Report
  - ❖ WRP Update – Lourdes Vargas
  - ❖ Administrative Body Update – Esther Rojas
- WRD Report – Rob Beste/Brian Partington
- WBMWD/MWD Report – Matthew Veeh
- BAC/TAC Report – Lourdes Vargas/Katherine Nutting
- Treasurer's Report – Chuck Schaich
- Discussions
- Next WBWA Meeting: April 5, 2022

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**ANNUAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
VIA ZOOM**

**Tuesday, December 7, 2021**

Lourdes Vargas, President of the WBWA, called the meeting to order at 11:37 A.M. on December 7, 2021 via Zoom teleconference. Nina Tarnay recorded the minutes.

Ms. Vargas determined there was a quorum of the WBWA Board of Directors. Ms. Vargas asked for self-introductions.

The following WBWA directors were in attendance:

Lourdes Vargas	Manuel Aguilar
Katherine Nutting	Chuck Schaich
Ron Sorensen	Thomas Lee

The following representatives were also in attendance:

Harold Williams	Kate Fugate
EJ Caldwell	Rudy Terriquez
Rob Beste	Rob Katherman
Chuck Campbell	Scott Houston
Brian Partington	Vera DeWitt
Esther Rojas	Carla Dillon
Matthew Veeh	John Huynh

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- Following review, Katherine Nutting moved to approve the November 2021 Meeting Minutes. Ron Sorensen seconded and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

**WEST BASIN WATER WATERMASTER REPORT**

**Water Rights Panel Update**

Lourdes Vargas reported:

- The Water Rights Panel will meet immediately after the WBWA meeting to approve the Watermaster Report for AY 2020-21.

## Administrative Body

Esther Rojas reported:

- Pumping in the West Coast Basin: For the new Administrative Year (AY) 2021-22 through the end of October, pumping in the WCB was at 12,030.21 AF which is 612.74 AF or 5.4% more than the previous period last year.
- Leases: As of November 1, three leases, transferring 3,183.50 AF have been processed (all with flex). There have been no storage transactions thus far.
- Watermaster Report: Staff finalized the annual Watermaster Report for AY 2020-21. The Watermaster Report summarizes transactions and activities in the basin. A draft of the report was shared with the Panel and all pumpers, water rights holders and stakeholders on October 13<sup>th</sup> in accordance with the Judgment. The public comment period was open until November 30<sup>th</sup>. The minor comments received have been incorporated and the Report has been submitted to the Panel for approval at the WBWRP meeting immediately following this meeting.

## **WRD REPORT**

Rob Katherman spoke: The first redistricting meeting will be being held tomorrow at 6:00 PM. If anyone is interested in attending via dial-in, please reach out to Mr. Katherman for instructions.

Rob Beste reported:

- Brackish Groundwater Reclamation: WRD is currently reviewing 3 proposals for the pilot system. Andy Darlack and Ron Sorensen are on the panel to help select a consultant for the pilot system.
- PFAS Remediation Program: WRD filed a lawsuit against manufacturers of PFAS to try and recoup some funding for remediation work required. There is a pumper workshop on December 15<sup>th</sup> at noon at the ARC facility. If anyone is interested in participating in the workshop, please contact Mr. Beste or look on the WRD website for call-in information.
- Budgeting: There hasn't been a TAC meeting this period. WRD is currently working on the CIP booklet. The information will be made available for review as soon as it is completed. The budgeting process will begin at the end of January-beginning of February.
- Meetings: There is a redistricting meeting tomorrow at 6:00 PM. The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 16th at 11:00 AM. All Board and Committee meetings continue to be by teleconference only during the Covid-19 restrictions.

Brian Partington reported:

- Precipitation: For the current Water Year, we've received 0.68 inches of precipitation to date versus a normal of 1.91 inches, or 30% of normal as of December 3rd. La Niña conditions are still being anticipated for the coming months.
- Groundwater Levels: Depth to water in the Carson Key Well was 63.9 feet on December 3rd, which is 0.7' lower than was reported at the last meeting and 0.3' lower than this time last year. Depth to water in the Lawndale Key Well was 50.3' on December 3rd, which is 0.3' higher than reported last meeting and 0.8' higher than this time last year.
- Injections at Barriers: Preliminary numbers for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 (July-October) show that the West Coast Barrier had injected approximately 3,596 AF of replenishment water, of which 91% was imported water due to the issues at the Los Angeles Sanitation Hyperion Wastewater Treatment Facility. Hopefully, these issues will be resolved by the end of the year

or early next year. The Dominguez Gap Barrier injected approximately 2,134 AF of replenishment water, of which 54% was recycled water and 46% was imported water.

- Storm Water Capture: For the current fiscal year 2021-22 approximately 572 AF of storm water was captured by the County for spreading in the Montebello Forebay as a result of precipitation and urban runoff. In addition, WRD purchased approximately 17,486 AF of recycled water for spreading. This has helped maintain the groundwater basin operating range at 21%.

#### **WBMWD REPORT**

- Matt Veeh reviewed the WBMWD Report included in the meeting packet.

#### **BAC/TAC REPORT**

- No updates

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Chuck Schaich presented the Treasurer's Report for November. The Report was received and filed.

#### **Next WBWA Meeting:**

- The next quarterly WBWA meeting will be on February 1 at 11:30 A.M via Zoom. There will be no meeting in January

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- Ms. Vargas adjourned the meeting at 12:01 PM.

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Lourdes Vargas, President

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Nina Tarnay, Executive Administrator

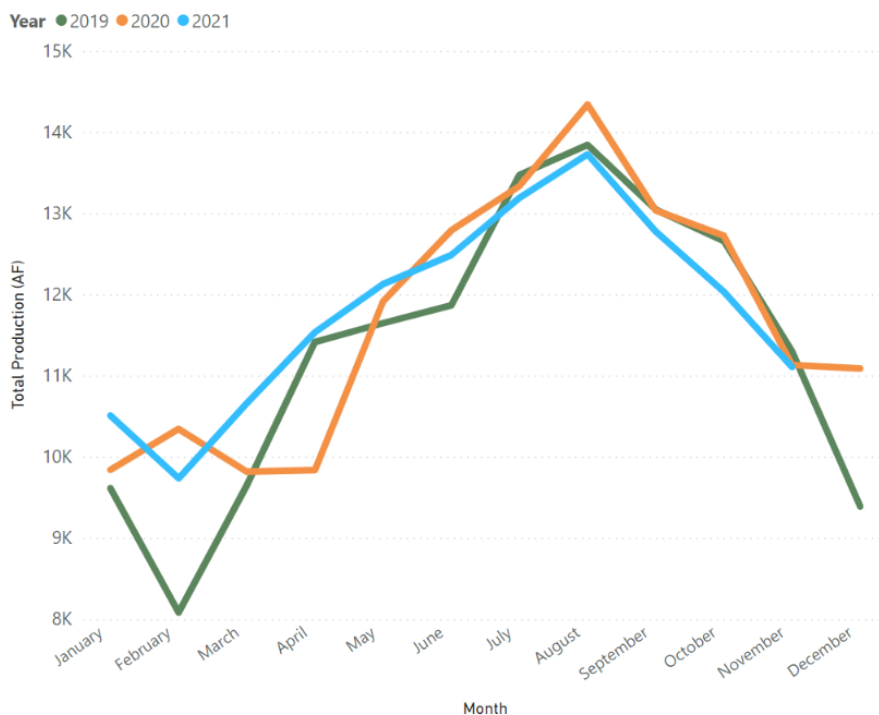
# West Basin Water Association Update



## WEST BASIN SERVICE AREA PRODUCTION

Reporting Month	September 2021		October 2021		November 2021		July-Nov. 2021	
Supplier Name	Production	% Saved	Production	% Saved	Production	% Saved	Production	% Saved
Cal Am	1845.0	-5.1%	1650.0	-12.8%	1382.0	-10.6%	8829.0	-6.5%
CWS Dominguez	2326.6	-6.1%	2224.9	-5.7%	1966.7	-10.3%	11383.4	-9.5%
CWS Hermosa Redondo	1005.3	1.6%	950.4	-4.5%	838.7	-4.5%	4853.0	-2.8%
CWS Palos Verdes	1702.3	-7.7%	1481.0	-16.2%	1381.4	-6.2%	8296.9	-7.3%
El Segundo	845.6	60.3%	836.5	61.5%	993.3	143.6%	4211.0	72.4%
GSW Culver City	422.0	-1.9%	408.7	-6.1%	381.5	0.5%	2115.4	-0.9%
GSW Southwest	2255.6	-5.0%	2208.2	-4.7%	2052.5	-1.2%	11339.0	-3.8%
Hawthorne	318.3	-3.9%	311.3	-7.9%	300.8	-3.7%	1602.8	-4.3%
Inglewood	748.4	-5.5%	735.2	-6.2%	694.8	-1.4%	3767.5	-5.4%
LACWWD29	705.2	0.4%	645.2	-7.0%	576.8	-3.3%	3431.0	-0.4%
Lomita	175.5	-6.8%	172.1	-7.7%	159.3	-7.2%	880.7	-6.4%
Manhattan Beach	424.6	-2.4%	409.7	-6.1%	379.2	-3.3%	2122.3	-3.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,774.4</b>	<b>-2.0%</b>	<b>12,033.2</b>	<b>-5.4%</b>	<b>11,107.0</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>62,832.1</b>	<b>-2.7%</b>
<b>% Saved Compared to 2020</b>								

West Basin Service Area Total Production By Month



### DWR INCREASES SWP ALLOCATION TO 15%

On January 20, DWR announced it would increase the amount of water being released through the State Water Project, raising the allocation from 0% to 15%.

The move to boost water deliveries was based primarily on a strong set of storms that dropped near-record levels of rainfall and snow throughout California during the month of December.

In early December, DWR set the initial 2022 State Water Project allocation at 0% for the first time in project history.

# West Basin Launches Grass Replacement +

As of February 1, eligible residents in the West Basin Municipal Water District service area can apply for water-saving incentives worth up to \$27,000 through the district's new *Grass Replacement+* program. *Grass Replacement+* provides \$5 for every square foot of lawn removed, up to \$25,000 total. Other program offerings available for a limited time include a free custom landscape design and a free drought-resistant tree.

The new program, which was developed to assist residents in neighborhoods disproportionately affected by environmental pollution and other socioeconomic considerations, encourages sustainable outdoor water use by replacing lawns and supporting drought-friendly landscaping choices.

Additional information available at:

[Grass Replacement +](#)

In addition to the new program, West Basin is also focusing its efforts on working with several of the 17 cities within its service area to convert public spaces with large amounts of turf over to drought-tolerant landscapes. With an increased rebate from Metropolitan for a Public Agency Landscape program, West Basin hopes to transform both residential and public areas to more water efficient spaces.

## State Adopts Water Use Prohibitions

On January 4, the State Water Resources Control Board imposed a new set of drought rules for water users throughout the state. The new rules are meant to discourage wasteful water practices that unnecessarily waste finite water resources in California.

The following uses of water have been prohibited as part of the emergency declaration:

(1)Applying water to outdoor landscapes resulting in more than incidental runoff or unintended amounts of runoff; (2)Washing vehicles without an automatic shutoff nozzle; (3)Washing impervious areas; (4)Street cleaning or construction site prep; (5)Decorative fountains, lakes or ponds; (6)Irrigating turf within 48 hours of one fourth of an inch (¼”) of rainfall; (7)Irrigating turf on public medians

The rules will go into effect for one year, but could be extended based on the continuation of drought-like conditions in California. Enforcement of the regulations will be at the discretion of cities and retail water suppliers, with possible fines of up to \$500 being assessed on violators.

### *Upcoming Meetings*

*West Basin Metropolitan Caucus: February 2, 2022 @ 12:30 PM*

*Metropolitan Board & Committee Meetings: February 7-8, 2022*

*West Basin Board Meeting: February 28, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.*